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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTS THE VILLAGE OF HARDY

Hardy, Neb., May 15, 2006—The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development awarded a \$224,000 loan and \$210,000 grant to the Village of Hardy to connect the 179 rural residents of the village to the City of Superior's water system. A Community Development Block Grant of \$250,000 will assist in the project.

The village's water system was out of compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act, with the wells being under the direct influence of surface water.

"Hardy's water project will include installation of 5.5 miles of transmission main, valves, master meters," stated Janice Stopak, community programs specialist, USDA Rural Development. "USDA Rural Development is pleased to assist in this water project that will help to ensure clean drinking water to the residents of rural Hardy."

USDA funding is being provided through Rural Development's Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant program. For additional information contact Janice Stopak, (402) 423-9683, (402) 437-5093 (TDY); janice.stopak@ne.usda.gov; 6030 S. 58th Street, Suite B, Lincoln, Neb. 68516. Visit <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/ne/>.

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